

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

Claims 1-20 (cancelled).

Claim 21 (currently amended) A universal rake-ridge cap assembly, the universal rake-ridge cap assembly comprising:

two angularly disposed opposing rake boards, each including a stepped surface structure, which define a gap therebetween at a junction;

a first surface having a first edge and a second edge;

a second surface having a first edge, a second edge and,

at least one stepped arcuate surface intersecting said first surface and said second surface at said second edge of said first surface and said first edge of said second surface;

an arcuate surface that intersects said first edge of said first surface and is orthogonal thereto thereby defining an arcuate junction;

a backside of the first surface and second surface demarcated by a series of radially extending lines and a series of tangentially extending lines, said radially extending lines and said tangential extending lines numerically marked to correspond to a roof pitch of a home to which said [[cap]] assembly shall be attached;

wherein the first surface and second surface form a cap which includes one or more stepped arcuate surfaces,

wherein the stepped arcuate surfaces are adapted to correspond with an equal number of stepped surfaces of adjoining rake members for secure attachment and for defining a joint that is part of a gable roof assembly,

wherein in an initial state prior to installation on said home, said cap is adapted to be cut to conform to any roof pitch; and upon installation said cap has been cut along the tangentially extending lines and the radially extending lines that correspond to the roof pitch of the rake members, said cap covering the entire junction of the rake members, wherein said cap conceals any gap between the rake members,

wherein the assembly is formed of materials suitable in appearance and durability for the exterior fascia of a home.

Claim 22 (cancelled)

Claim 23 (currently amended) The ridge-cap assembly of claim 21, wherein said cap adjoins a soffit.

Claim 24 (cancelled )

Claim 25 (currently amended) The ~~edge-cap assembly~~ of claim 21, wherein the stepped arcuate surface corresponds with an arcuate surface defined by the rake members.

Claim 26 (currently amended) The ~~[[joint]] assembly~~ of claim 21, wherein said ~~[[joint]]~~ cap is part of a gable roof assembly.

Claim 27 (currently amended) The ~~[[joint]] assembly~~ of claim 21, wherein said rake members have a stepped thin-walled cross-sectional profile.

Claim 28 (cancelled)

Claim 29 (new) The assembly of claim 21, wherein the rake board stepped arcuate surface is a unitary structure.

Claim 30 (new) The assembly of claim 23, wherein the stepped arcuate surface corresponds with an arcuate surface defined by the rake members.

Claim 31 (new) The assembly of claim 30, wherein said cap is part of a gable roof assembly.

Claim 32 (new) The assembly of claim 23, wherein the rake board stepped arcuate surface is a unitary structure.

Claim 33 (new) The assembly of claim 25, wherein the rake board stepped arcuate surface is a unitary structure.

Claim 34 (new) The assembly of claim 26, wherein the rake board stepped arcuate surface is a unitary structure.

Claim 35 (new) The assembly of claim 31, wherein the rake board stepped arcuate surface is a unitary structure.